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TO: Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 2, 1955

FROM: L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PUBLIC BUILDING SERVICE

[redacted] told me a moment ago that Olney had just called him to inquire, "What in the hell is this UP story about?" This referred to our stating that we had conducted the investigation requested and sent the reports to Olney. [redacted] told Olney that he did not know what Olney had or did not know what Rogers had, but that when the press started inquiring about the status of an investigation when a Congressman had announced that the FBI was making such an investigation, then the FBI had a perfect right to state they had completed the investigation and sent it to Olney. Olney then argued that they had requested the Bureau to make only a very limited investigation, which was pretty much of a preliminary nature. [redacted] stated he told Olney that he didn't give a "damn," that somebody had to tell Celler about it; that the FBI had a right to account for the condition of its own work.

[redacted] wanted to tip me off as he thought Olney might call. I told [redacted] that if Olney called me I would tell him exactly that; that we had answered the inquiry that we had no other choice, particularly, since somebody in the Department had informed Congressman Celler about the FBI making an investigation. [redacted] really has a chip on his shoulder today for Olney because I had lunch with him and he was complaining about Olney's running for Governor rather than running the Criminal Division.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Rosen

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